



21st December 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2018 marking the end of our first term as a primary school!

It has been a very exciting and eventful term with lots of fun and great learning along the way.

I hope you were able to join us for some of our festive activities this week. One of the highlights was seeing the children from year 1 to year 6 coming together to sing Christmas songs on the playground. It was the first of what I hope to be many whole school events in the coming months.

We must also not forget the wonderful angels, camels, donkeys and twinkling stars in our Nursery and Reception 'Wiggly Nativity' earlier this week. As I said at Monday's performance, I am not sure who was more excited to be there – the children or their family members in the audience.

Thank you to all who have provided me with some very insightful and helpful feedback. I will be taking some of your suggestions forward next term. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in 2019. Have a wonderful holiday and I will see you in the new year.

Very best wishes

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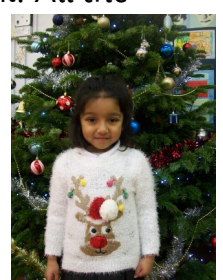
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EYFS Productions

Our Nursery and Reception classes put on two wonderful performances this week. All the children performed really well with their singing and we had a lot of positive feedback from parents and carers.

Thank you to all who attended.



Destination Reader

Torridon Primary is excited to be launching Destination Reader in KS2 in Spring Term 1. Destination Reader is an approach to teaching and learning for reading at KS2 which can be applied to all texts. Each KS2 class will be taking part in a daily reading session which will focus the development of key skills to develop and enhance reading through rich and inspiring texts.



The aims of the approach are to:

Develop key reading strategies which support comprehension.

Develop Learning behaviours which support dialogue.

Enable quality experience

Promote enjoyment

Increase reading mileage

Develop thinking and understanding

Make talk and discussion about texts central to learning

As part of the launch of Destination Reader, we will be creating displays around the school that help to promote and share our love of reading. We would love all children to take part in this by bringing in a photo of them reading in an unusual place or with a reading 'buddy' for our displays. Please send in any photos by Friday 18th January 2019.

Look out for more Destination Reader information soon and in the meantime enjoy reading with your child/children at home.

Singing in the Playground

Years 1 to 6 had a wonderful time performing Christmas songs to parents and carers yesterday afternoon in the playground.

Before the event the School Council sold mince pies and hot chocolate to the eager audience and raised a marvellous £114 to go towards resources for the school.



Thank you to everyone who supported the pupils.



Music Tuition



There are a number of spaces available for music tuition in the spring term. Please contact the school office to find out more.

BRASS—4 spaces available

VIOLIN—4 spaces available

CLARINET—4 spaces available

Homework Projects

Thank you for all your fantastic homework projects.

We have some wonderful Tudor houses, some of which are 'on fire'.

Some of the exceptional London landmark models have moving parts, including several Tower Bridges which actually open to allow the boats through.



We also have some brilliant river models, amazing Anderson shelters, sensational stick man houses and gorgeous Greek pottery.

Well done to all who shared their projects at school. We will have them on display at the beginning of next term.

Last Week's Stars of the Week

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
Nursery	Vega	3A	Paris
RAZ	Tavarier	30	Abinusha
RE	Lyla	4N	Rachel
RS	Miruna	4L	Michael
1KJ	Rocco	5L	Cody
1MJ	Nawel	5C	Ragath
1JB	Lashvin	6R	John
2D	Zhenari	6C	Keerththak
2SA	Karshayan	6CH	Zahra
2E	Amani	Lighthouse	Cam'ron
3C	Junior		

Lighthouse Coffee Morning

The KS1 Lighthouse coffee morning took place this week. It was great to see so many parents take part.



The parents came to watch the Lighthouse Carol Concert and then got together for the coffee morning.

School Disco

The school discos which took place last week were all well attended and enjoyed by all. The PTA raised just over £970 which will go towards PTA activities in the new year.



Dates for your diary

Friday 21st December	End of term
Monday 7th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 8th January	Children back at school
Tuesday 8th January	EYFS Open Days
Friday 11th January	EYFS Open Day